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True Newes,
Concerning the win-
ning of the Towne of Corbeyll

by the French King from the Prince
of Parma,

Which was doone on S. Martins euen
at night last past. 1590.

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Tis not long since (my
god frænd) that I sent you
word of the euil successe which
the french kings forces had at
the hotte and seuerall assaultes
made by the Prince of Parma
against the towne of Corbeyll,
and the valiant resistance which
the Subjects of the french king made against them.
Where, after the saide Prince of Parma had brought
his power, and placed his Cannons to batter the
Towne of Corbeyll: the Townes men did generallye
consent to fight it out, hauing before locked vp their
Gates, and in the resistance slew many of the Prince
of Parmas power, in thre hot and seuerall skirmishes.
Neuertheles such was the weaknes of the said towns-
men of Corbeyll, that they were constrained to come
to the walles of the saide Towne, and to require par-
ley with the Prince, and thereby seeing evidently that
the Prince was strong and well furnished with men
and munition, and byasse pices for battrey: they offered
to yelde vp the saide Towne to the Prince, conditio-
nally that he would graunt them their liues, and that
they might departe with bagge and baggage: but the
Prince of Parma contrarpe to his former proceedings
in the Lowe Cuntries, not only denyed them of this
their

their request, but also vowed to put them euery man, woman and childe to the Sword, his only reason was for that they had so long resisted him, and slain a great number of his best and most approued Souldiours in those three severall assaults: where upon the Citizens hearing the sentence of death pronounced against them, and pertaining nothing would perswade him to save their lives, nor to take pittie of their wives and Children: they fell fiercely to the fourth and last skirmishe, where they determined to slay or to be slaine.

When Drummes and Trumpets sounded forth the deadly points of Warre, and there began a most fierce and sharpe assault on both sides, which continued two howres together, where was great losse of blood on both sides, but in the end the Prince of Parma became victor, and winning the Towne by force, did put euery living creature to the Sword which was found there alive: this was a grievous slaughter, where people inhabiting and keeping the Towne to their Kings vse, yet miserably put to the Sword without any iust cause. But herein no reason might serue, none might escape, nor none presently revenge.

Now when the saide Towne of Corbeyll was wonne, and the Inhabitants wofully put to the Sword, the Duke caused many to fall to labour, and to fortifie againe the great breache with Stone, which by force of Cannon he had before made: and thereby went into the saide Towne of Corbeyll: and ther-vpon he immediately placed a garrison of chosen Souldiours in the saide Towne, and so departed.

The Kinges Maestie of Fraunce hearing of the losse of this Towne, toke the same very grievously, especially for the losse of so many of his good and faithful subiects slaine in the same: whose liues he more esteemed

esteemed (as he saide) then of semie such Townes, in respect wherof he vowed to reuenge the same so soone as time and occasion would serue.

Soone after the Kinge Paull is appointed Moun-
sier de Cheuery being a brane man at armes, politticke
and hardie, to make choice of some sufficient number
of his best and approuedst souldiours, and to marche
fozward towards the said Towne of Corbeyll, giuing
him charge to reuenge the great wrong befoze offered
vpon his god subiects, by those Mallons and Spanissh
souldiours, planted like vsurpers in garrison to defend
and keepe the said Towne to the vse of the Prince
Parma: which to perfoyme, the saide Mounsier de Che-
uery let slippe no god occasion that might be offred, soz
in the euening befoze S. Martins day last past, the saide
Mounsier de Cheuery knowing it was a night of great
quaffing obserued among the Mallons and those in
Garrison, staid and would not goe fozward or come be-
foze the said Towne untill it were moze towards the
dead of the night, whereby those in the towne had no
cause of doubt, and therfoze drunke freely: but about
twelue of the Clock that night, the Kinges power
came befoze the saide towne, which being secretly down
like men vnlooked foz: suddainly made a fierce & strong
assault vpon the same, and praedised by foze and polli-
cie the recouery therof againe: now the Mallons and
Spanissh Garrison inclosed within the saide town, ha-
uing drunke hard most parte of the day, and then vpon
a sodaine to be wakened out of their dead sleepe by the
thundring shot that made great breaches and wayes
foz the Kinges souldiours to enter the said towne, ran
as halfe desperate to the walles and made a very foz-
ceable resistanc which continued all that night, neuer
theless by seauen of the clock the next morning the

Towne was wonne again vnto the King by force, the Kings power entred in at the same breach which the Prince had before entred, so that whatsoever the pince of Parma might doe, it could not preuaile, though hearing thereof, he sent a power of Spaniards to succour them, which came to late, and were glad to get them gone for feare of their liues.

Thus by valiant encounter the saide Mounier de Chenery with his souldiers entred the Towne the next morning, where were found slaine by that fight 2. hundred Burgonians and 300. Spaniards, besides 400. which were taken prisoners, and shall remaine in the saide Towne, who must paye well for their ransome ere they departe.

In this Towne the Kings souldiers found 200. fatte Oxen, fower hundred sharpe, leauing some slaine some dyest, and some aliuē.

There was also taken 4. brazen peeces, and 2. Cannons readye charged, many Spanish Ensignes, which but latelpe had bene displayed in and about the saide Towne of Corbeyll in triumphe of the saide victorie, and done in despite of the Kings Maiestie of France: were now taken, and those that did display and defend the same, were euery man taken prisoner or slaine, so that not one man escaped to tell the newes to his fauourers in other places.

Thus was the town of Corbeyll wonne again and entred into by force of the Kings power, in despite of the pince of Parma, Duke de mune, or any other their associates: And such is the daily labour of the souldiers in the same towne to fortifie and rampier it, that the enemye shall hardly get it in haste.

God be thanked very fewe of the Kings souldiers were slaine in this skirmishe, nor no man of name or speci-

oz speciall account. On the enemies side besides the
 number aforesaide : there was saine Cheuallier de
 Aumall, who was one of the most chafest warriours
 on the Leagers side: this Cheuallier de Aumall had
 provided great store of victualles intending there-
 with to haue victailed the Cittie of Paris, which yet
 standes distressed, but he was not onely intercepted of
 the same victuaile, but also of his life: Mounsier de
 Cheuery seeing what good successe it had pleased God to
 send him, humblye gaue thanks vnto almighty God
 with all his doubtours. And forthwith sent newes
 thereof vnto the King, who reioyced for his
 good successe, and humblye gaue thanks
 vnto God also for the
 same.

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